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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides a process for preparing benzimidazole thiophene compounds

6. The process according to claim 5, wherein said inert solvent is chloroform or a mixture of chloroform and acetic acid.

7. The process according to claim 1 further comprising the step of  
5 converting the compound of formula (I) to a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or physiologically functional derivative thereof.

8. The process according to claim 1 further comprising the step of  
converting the compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt,  
10 solvate or physiologically functional derivative thereof to a different compound  
of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or physiologically  
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